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CONSUMPTION OF CEMENT
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the cement production in the last quarter 2001-02 has touched around 8%;

(b) if so, the growth rate in the fiscal year and the targets fixed;

(c) whether the cement industry is facing slump in demand despite Government`s support in housing activities and progress on the golden quadrilateral highway projects;

(d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reasons therefor; and

(e) the strategies proposed to be adopted by the Government to improve the cement consumption?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY (DR. RAMAN SINGH)

(a) The production of cement in the last and fourth quarter of 2001-02 rose to 29.13 million tones from 26.03 million tonnes in the third quarter, thus registering a growth rate of well above 8% (11.91%).

(b) The target of production of cement fixed for the financial year 2001-02 was 105 million tonnes. Actual production, however, exceeded the target and stood at 105.90 million tonnes and compared with the production figure of 97.61 million tonnes for the year 2000-01, registered a growth rate of 9.52%.

(c) to(e): As a result of initiative taken by Government for boosting demand for cement through measures like construction of roads, promotion of housing activities, new infrastructural projects etc., the demand for cement has already increased from 94.29 million tonnes in the year 2000-01 to 103.55 million tonnes in 2001-02, thus registering a growth rate of 9.82%.